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BOARDS TO MEET, ADOPT COMMON STANDARDS **Kentucky Set to be First in the Nation to Take Action**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky Board of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professional Standards Board will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 10, to formally adopt a resolution implementing the Common Core State Standards in English/language arts and mathematics.

With this action, Kentucky will be the first state to adopt the academic standards. Higher, clearer and more in-depth academic standards are required by Senate Bill 1, passed by the 2009 Kentucky General Assembly and codified as KRS 158.6451.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. ET at the Kentucky Community and Technical College Central Office at 300 North Main Street in Versailles. During the meeting, the chairs of the three entities will sign a resolution directing their respective agencies to implement the final common standards. The meeting will be webcast, and information on how to access that will be posted on the Kentucky Department of Education's Web site prior to the meeting.

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Gov. Steve Beshear will attend the meeting, and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will provide greetings and support via video link. Kentucky state Senator Ken Winters, chair of the Senate Education Committee, and Representative Carl Rollins, chair of the House Education Committee, also will attend.

Launched in 2009, the Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Governors and state commissioners of education from 48 states, two territories and the District of Columbia committed to developing a common core of state standards in English/language arts and mathematics for grades K-12.

The Common Core State Standards will enable participating states to:

- articulate to parents, teachers and the general public expectations for students
- align textbooks, digital media and curricula to the internationally benchmarked standards
- ensure professional development for educators is based on identified need and best practices
- develop and implement an assessment system to measure student performance against the common core state standards
- evaluate policy changes needed to help students and educators meet the common core state college and career readiness standards

A full meeting agenda follows.

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**AGENDA
Joint Meeting**

**Kentucky Board of Education
Council on Postsecondary Education
Education Professional Standards Board**

**February 10, 2010
5:30 p.m. (ET)**

**Kentucky Community and Technical College Central Office, Room 102A/B
300 North Main Street, Versailles KY**

1. Welcome by Michael B. McCall, KCTCS President
2. Remarks by Governor Steven L. Beshear
3. Message from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (invited)
4. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - Joe Brothers, KBE Chair
 - Paul E. Patton, CPE Chair
 - Lorraine Williams, EPSB Chair
5. Remarks by Education Committee Chairs
 - Representative Carl Rollins
 - Senator Ken Winters
6. Joint Presentation Regarding the New Kentucky Core Academic Standards
 - Terry K. Holliday, Commissioner of Education
 - Robert L. King, CPE President
 - Phillip S. Rogers, EPSB Executive Director
7. Remarks Regarding the New Kentucky Core Academic Standards
 - Brenda Overturf, Department of Education-Teaching and Learning, University of Louisville
 - Charlie Newquist, East Jessamine Middle School
8. Action: Passage of Joint Resolution by KBE, CPE and EPSB Boards
9. Adjournment